Chapter 1.5. Calculation of Levy Freeze Amounts

IC 6-3.5-1.5-1

Calculation of necessary rate

Sec. 1. (a) The department of local government finance and the department of state revenue shall, before July 1 of each year, jointly calculate the county adjusted income tax rate or county option income tax rate (as applicable) that must be imposed in a county to raise income tax revenue in the following year equal to the sum of the following STEPS:

STEP ONE: Determine the greater of zero (0) or the result of:

- (1) the department of local government finance's estimate of the sum of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levies calculated under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for all political subdivisions in the county for the ensuing calendar year (before any adjustment under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(g) or IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(h) for the ensuing calendar year); minus
- (2) the sum of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levies calculated under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for all political subdivisions in the county for the current calendar year.

In the case of a civil taxing unit that is located in more than one (1) county, the department of local government finance shall, for purposes of making the determination under this subdivision, apportion the civil taxing unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy among the counties in which the civil taxing unit is located.

- STEP TWO: Determine the greater of zero (0) or the result of:
 - (1) the department of local government finance's estimate of the family and children property tax levy that will be imposed by the county under IC 12-19-7-4 for the ensuing calendar year (before any adjustment under IC 12-19-7-4(b) for the ensuing calendar year); minus
 - (2) the county's family and children property tax levy imposed by the county under IC 12-19-7-4 for the current calendar year.

STEP THREE: Determine the greater of zero (0) or the result of:

- (1) the department of local government finance's estimate of the children's psychiatric residential treatment services property tax levy that will be imposed by the county under IC 12-19-7.5-6 for the ensuing calendar year (before any adjustment under IC 12-19-7.5-6(b) for the ensuing calendar year); minus
- (2) the children's psychiatric residential treatment services property tax imposed by the county under IC 12-19-7.5-6 for the current calendar year.
- STEP FOUR: Determine the greater of zero (0) or the result of:
 - (1) the department of local government finance's estimate of

the county's maximum community mental health centers property tax levy under IC 12-29-2-2 for the ensuing calendar year (before any adjustment under IC 12-29-2-2(c) for the ensuing calendar year); minus

- (2) the county's maximum community mental health centers property tax levy under IC 12-29-2-2 for the current calendar year.
- (b) In the case of a county that wishes to impose a tax rate under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24 or IC 6-3.5-6-30 (as applicable) for the first time, the department of local government finance and the department of state revenue shall jointly estimate the amount that will be calculated under subsection (a) in the second year after the tax rate is first imposed. The department of local government finance and the department of state revenue shall calculate the tax rate under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24 or IC 6-3.5-6-30 (as applicable) that must be imposed in the county in the second year after the tax rate is first imposed to raise income tax revenue equal to the estimate under this subsection.
- (c) The department and the department of local government finance shall make the calculations under subsections (a) and (b) based on the best information available at the time the calculation is made.
- (d) For purposes of calculating a tax rate under this section, the department of local government shall round up to the nearest one-tenth of one percent (0.1%).

As added by P.L.224-2007, SEC.69.

IC 6-3.5-1.5-2

Certification of amount

Sec. 2. The department of local government finance shall, before July 1 of each year, certify the amount calculated for a county under section 1 of this chapter to the county auditor.

As added by P.L.224-2007, SEC.69.

IC 6-3.5-1.5-3

Authority to carry out chapter

Sec. 3. The department of local government finance and the department of state revenue may take any actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.224-2007, SEC.69.